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SENATOR PAUL WIELAND
22ND DISTRICT

October 19, 2015

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Missouri's 22nd district includes the northern half of Jefferson County and the communities of Arnold, Barnhart, Pevely and Crystal City. As the Missouri State Senator for the district, I am writing in support of the proposed merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks – New Charter.

As a member of the Missouri Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee, I see on a regular basis the challenges facing Missouri businesses as well as opportunities to help them succeed. This merger would be a tool to help Missouri's business community in the New Charter merger areas go to the next level.

Charter Communications is already offering its customers fast, affordable and reliable internet. Charter Communications' base broadband tier is 60 Mbps in Missouri and even higher in certain markets. Their base speed improves the ability of several people in the same location to watch streaming high-definition video at the same time. Under the merger, Charter's 60 Mbps speed will be offered to Time Warner Cable customers in Missouri. At the same time, New Charter will expand TWC's and BHN's highly advanced 300 Mbps service. This service will be offered at straightforward, nationally uniform pricing with no data caps and no usage-based pricing.

New Charter will invest significantly in both in-home and out-of-home Wi-Fi, increasing competition in the mobile data market by deploying over 300,000 out-of-home Wi-Fi access points. Additionally, they will invest at least \$2.5 billion in the build-out of networks into commercial areas beyond where they currently operate – creating more competition in the commercial sector.

This merger will benefit the residents of Missouri. On their behalf, I urge you to support it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul Wieland".

Senator Paul Wieland
22nd District